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1. INTERESTING GREEK AND TURKISH REACTIONS TO CHARGE'S DEMARCHE UNDER INSTRUCTION ON JUNE 10 MAY SHED SOME LIGHT ON LOCAL EXPECTATIONS ABOUT USG'S ROLE.

2. IN CONVERSION FOLLOWING OUR DEMARCHES URGING THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS CONTINUE, TURKISH CHARGE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT WE HAD MADE DEMARCHE, SAYING THAT OUR PRESENTATION TO CLERIDES MAY HAVE PERSUADED HIM TO MAKE AS MODERATE A STATEMENT AS HE DID IN JUNE 11 TALKS. THE TURKS HAD ANTICIPATED HE WOULD DEMAND THAT DENKTASH EXPLICITLY DISAVOW "FEDERALISM" OR AT LEAST ACCEPT CLERIDES' DESCRIPTION OF THE BASIS FOR TALKS. FACT THAT CLERIDES DID NEITHER WAS RECEIVED BY TURKS WITH CONSIDERABLE RELIEF AND MADE POSSIBLE A SIMILARLY LOW KEY RESPONSE BY DENKTASH ON JUNE 18. (TURKISH CHARGE EVEN EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT WE HAD MADE THE DEMARCHE TO DENKTASH, REMARKING THIS GAVE DENKTASH ANOTHER REASON TO KEEP

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HIS OWN REPLY MODERATE.)

3. CLERIDES HIMSELF PROBED CHARGE AS TO WHETHER WE HAD THOUGHT HE ACTUALLY PLANNED TO FORCE A BREAKOFF OF THE TALKS. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE ASSUMED AMB. DIMITRIOU'S VERY STRONG PRESENTATION WAS READ BY US AS A PRELUDE TO A SUSPENSION BY THE GREEK SIDE. HE REFUSED, HOWEVER, TO BE DRAWN OUT AS TO WHETHER HE HAD IN FACT BEEN PREPARING FOR SUSPENSION. (OUR GUESS IS THAT HE HAD NOT, BUT THAT DEMARCHE DID HELP TO MODERATE THE LANGUAGE OF HIS PAPER.)

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRGEN VENIAMIN WAS A BIT APOLOGETIC ABOUT DIMITRIOU'S APPROACH TO STABLER, EMPHASIZED IT WAS NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

5. COMMENT: COMMON THREAD IS THAT NONE OF THE THREE EXPRESSED ANY RESENTMENT AT U.S. INTERVENTION, AND ALL SEEMED SOMEWHAT RELIEVED THAT USG HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE TO UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE TALKS ALIVE.
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